**Glut in cotton market**

25. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the relaxation of using cotton up to 20 counts has created a glut in the cotton market and has affected the farmers adversely; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) There is no such decision of the Government relaxing the use of cotton up to 20 counts which has created a glut the cotton market and affected the farmers adversely.

(b) Does not arise.

**Production of silk**

26. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is the biggest producer of silk in India; and

(b) what are the figures of silk production during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

**Statement**

*Production of Raw Silk during the years* 1981-82 *to* 1983-84

(*in Lakh kg.*)

| | States | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | 1983-8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 5.65 | 7.56 | 9.09 |
| 2 | Assam | 1.71 | 1.89 | 2.45 |
| 3 | Bihar | 1.90 | 1.70 | 2.93 |
| 4 | Jammu and Kashmir | 0.76 | 0.49 | 0.44 |
| 5 | Madhya Pradesh | 0.54 | 0.45 | 0.60 |
| 6 | Karnataka | 30.00 | 32.00 | 38.45 |
| 7 | Punjab | — | — | 0.02 |
| 8 | Tamil Nadu | 5.30 | 5.00 | 6.40 |
| 9 | Uttar Pradesh | 0.05 | 0.18 | 0.17 |
| 10 | West Bengal | 6.19 | 6.82 | 7.18 |
| 11 | Himachal Pradesh | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| 12 | Meghalaya | — | — | 0.44 |
| 13 | Manipur | 0.34 | 0.35 | 0.06 |
| 14 | Tripura | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| 15 | Orissa | 0.02 | 0.51 | 0.73 |
| 16 | Others | — | — | 0.23 |
| | TOTAL : | 52.49 | 57.00 | 64.23 |

State-wise production figures for the year 1984-85 have not yet been compiled.